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SUBJ: CANADIAN REACTION TO INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

FURTHER TO CONVERSATION (REPORTED SEPTTEL) WITH HAMMOND
OF CANADIAN MISSION TO IAEA REGARDING REACTION TO
INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, CANADIAN MISSION HAS GIVEN
MISSION TALKING PAPER EMBODYING SUBSTANCE OF EARLIER
ORAL APPROACH, WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE PASSED ON TO
DEPT. VERBATIM TEXT OF CANADIAN TALKING PAPER FOLLOWS.
BEGIN QTE:

1. THE STATEMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS ON MAY 22 INDICATED IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPH
THAT: "WITH REGARD TO THE BROADER INTERNATIONAL
IMPLICATIONS OF INDIA'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, CABINET HAS
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DIRECTED THAT OFFICIALS ENTER INTO IMMEDIATE CONSUL-

TATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN INDIA'S NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, SIGNATORIES TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY."

2. THE CABINET HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THE CANADIAN MISSION, AS WELL AS OUR MISSIONS IN THE COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE, EXPLORE HOW SUPPORTERS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY SHOULD BEST REACT TO INDIA'S ACTION IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY SYSTEM AND TO MAKE THE COURSE OF ACTION CHOSEN BY INDIA UNATTRACTIVE TO OTHER NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES.

3. THERE IS AN OBVIOUS DILEMMA REPRESENTED BY THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT INDIA ACCEPTS RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITY INCLUDING TRANSMISSION OF WEAPON TECHNOLOGY TO NON-NUCLEAR STATES AND THE OBJECTIVE OF MAKING THE PATH CHOSEN BY INDIA UNATTRACTIVE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. EASY RECOGNITION OF A SPECIAL STATUS FOR INDIA COULD SERVE TO ATTRACT OTHER COUNTRIES WHO EITHER VIEW NUCLEAR CAPABILITY AS A BADGE OF BIG-POWER STATUS OR FACE SPECIAL STRATEGIC PROBLEMS. CANADA, ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WILL HAVE TO EXAMINE CLOSELY THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NPT SYSTEM AND SECURITY OF THESE PROBLEMS.

4. WHILE THIS POSITION IS BEING CONSIDERED INTERNATIONALLY WE THINK THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF OTHER NATIONS WHICH FAVOR NPT ALSO TOOK MEASURES TO SUSPEND THEIR CURRENT NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA, INCLUDING DELIVERIES OF ANY HARDWARE FOR THE MAPPA REACTOR NOT PRESENTLY ON THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE "TRIGGER LIST".

5. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME THE CONSIDERED VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE ON MEANS OF DEALING WITH THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE INDIAN DETONATION OF A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. TO THIS END REPRESENTATIONS ARE NOW BEING

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MADE BY CANADIAN MISSIONS IN THE CAPITALS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE AS WELL AS IN PARIS AND MOSCOW. (IT ALSO SEEMS LIKELY THAT ONE OF THE MOST CONVENIENT AND APPROPRIATE WAYS TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS WOULD BE TO CONVENE, AT AN EARLY DATE, A MEETING OF THE ZANGGER COMMITTEE.)

6. IN APPROACHING THE USA AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON,

THE CANADIAN MISSION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STRESS THE
CANADIAN HOPE THAT THE USA, WHICH, LIKE CANADA, HAS
PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COOPERATION WITH INDIA
IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, IS GIVING
URGENT CONSIDERATION TO THE BEST MEANS FOR DEALING
WITH THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE INDIAN NUCLEAR
EXPLOSION AND TO SEEK INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC MEASURES
THE USA ENVISAGES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF
ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. END QTE.PORTER

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